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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1. (original): An absorbent article comprising:
a vapor-permeable liquid-impermeable bottomsheet having an interior surface and an exterior surface;
an absorbent structure positioned adjacent the interior surface; and
a non-adhesive skid-resistant coating applied to the exterior surface such that the bottomsheet remains vapor-permeable after application of the coating.

Claim 2. (original): The absorbent article of claim 1 further comprising a liquid permeable topsheet having a first surface positioned adjacent the absorbent structure, sandwiching the absorbent structure between the topsheet and the bottomsheet.

Claim 3. (original): The absorbent article of claim 2 wherein the absorbent structure is adhesively joined to at least one of the first surface and the interior surface.

Claim 4. (original): The absorbent article of claim 1 wherein the bottomsheet has a vapor permeability, after application of the coating, of greater than about 300 grams H₂O/m²/24 hours.

Claim 5. (original): The absorbent article of claim 1 wherein the exterior surface, after application of the coating, has a static coefficient of friction greater than about 0.7.

Claim 6. (original): The absorbent article of claim 1 wherein the absorbent article has a drape stiffness less than about 10 cm after application of the coating.

Claim 7. (original): The absorbent article of claim 1 wherein the absorbent article has an area greater than about 100 square inches.

Claim 8. (original): The absorbent article of claim 5 wherein the absorbent article has a thickness less than about 15 mm.

Claim 9. (original): The absorbent article of claim 1 wherein the exterior surface is planar.

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Claim 10. (original): The absorbent article of claim 1 wherein the exterior surface is non-planar improving the skid-resistance of the absorbent article.

Claim 11. (canceled)

Claim 12. (canceled)

Claim 13. (canceled)

Claim 14. (canceled)

Claim 15. (canceled)

Claim 16. (canceled)

Claim 17. (canceled)

Claim 18. (canceled)

Claim 19. (canceled)

Claim 20. (canceled)